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Oct. 8, 2020

**Important Dates**

Oct. 9 - Professional Learning Day (No School for students)

Oct. 12 - Thanksgiving Monday (No School)

Oct. 14 - "Real Time Reporting" Parent Information Session 7pm via Zoom (See info below)

Oct. 20 & 22 - 3-Way Conferences via Zoom  
Parent/Teacher/Student - (See info below)

Oct. 23 - School Photos (Individual)

Nov. 18 - Photo Retakes

**Updates:**

**Staffing:**

Erin Carriere, who has been filling in for Brent Saccucci, will be continuing for the remainder of the year as the teacher for Class 7.2. Welcome to Mrs. Carriere!

**Morning Breaks:**

Unless we have severe weather conditions, all students will be going outside for morning breaks. Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather.

**Annual School Authorizations:**

Please ensure that you have completed the Demographic Information Form and the Annual School Authorization Forms on School Engage. These forms were due at the end of Sept. Please complete by Oct. 14 to ensure that your child has uninterrupted access to school internet. (One of the forms is Responsible Use of Technology.)

**3-Way Conferences (Parent/Teacher/Student) via Zoom**

**Oct. 20 & 22, 4-7pm**

**Conference Manager will be open for booking a**

**Parent/Teacher/Student conference from Oct. 7 - Oct. 16**

**After bookings close, teachers will send you a Zoom invite for your time period.**

**Real Time Reporting  
Parent Information Session via Zoom**

École Elbow Valley & Springbank Middle School have joined the rest of Rocky View Schools in moving towards Real Time Reporting in Grades K-9. This year is the third and last year of a shift that has been rolled out across the division.

What is Real Time Reporting?

In business, real-time reporting (RTR) is a practice where up-to-the-minute data is gathered and relayed to users as it happens, so decisions can be made to improve results. The big idea is that data is available at any time, rather than on periodically scheduled reports.

In education, real time reporting is not that different. Data/feedback is relayed to users (teacher, parent, student) so decisions can be made in service of improving student learning. It gives parents and students timely information, rather than information a few times per year.

**Real Time Reporting: Parent Evening  
Wednesday, October 14th @7pm via Zoom**

Parents will have the opportunity to learn more about Real Time Reporting from the Leadership Team of École Elbow Valley and Springbank Middle School.

**Topic: SMS & Elbow Valley Parent Evening: Real Time Reporting**

**Time: Oct 14, 2020 07:00 PM**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://rockyview.zoom.us/j/99235217067>**

**Meeting ID: 992 3521 7067**

**Passcode: 193990**

RTR Parent Information Guide:

<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/families/powerschool/parent-guide-real-time-reporting-rtr/view>



**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Thank you to everyone who attended our School Council meeting last night. Our gratitude to all that stepped up and took a volunteer role. Our students are very lucky to have parents like you.

There are still a couple of vacancies:

**Treasurer Liaison** - Communicates with the school and gives updates to school council at our meetings.

**Yearbook** - Gather photos electronically from teachers and students via flash drive or email. Organize photos within the book Lifetouch Online website.

Communicate with teachers to ensure class photos and names uploaded by Lifetouch are accurate. Will have access to last year's Yearbook Lead contact if mentoring is needed.

If you're interested in helping out please email [sms\\_volunteers@outlook.com](mailto:sms_volunteers@outlook.com)

Arlene Abboud & Amal Jomaa

On behalf of the SMS Council

**Friends Of Springbank Middle School Society (FOSMSS)**

Thank you to Jill Johnson and Chelanne Murphy who took on the positions of Casino Chair and Raffle Chair for FOSMSS. These positions are crucial if our school wants to do any fundraising this year. Springbank Middle School has been awarded a casino in Q1 of 2021. Casinos have in the past brought \$60,000 into our school for our children.

We will be sending out a sign up to recruit volunteers as soon as we have the dates finalized.

Arlene Abboud & Amal Jomaa

On behalf of FOSMSS



**A Back to School message from the School Immunization Program**

Welcome back to a brand new school year, we hope this message finds you healthy and safe. We are pleased to continue to provide immunization services to your school community as long as COVID-19 response measures allow.

When schools closed in March 2020, our school-based immunization program was unable to continue as school immunization teams were redeployed to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

Due to this suspension in service, you will notice some changes to our program this year as we attempt to "catch-up":

1. Students in grade 6 in the 2019-2020 school year (now in grade 7) who did not complete their Hepatitis B (HBV) and/or Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and/or any outstanding routine vaccine series will be immunized within the school setting. We will only immunize those students with a signed consent form from the previous school year(s).

2. Students in other grades where an immunization consent form was signed in the previous school year(s) will be immunized in the school setting in order to complete any outstanding immunization series.

**If you do not wish your child to complete their immunization series or your child was immunized privately within the past 6 months, please contact your school's designated Community Health Centre.**

More information will be available in the coming weeks regarding school-based immunizations for our target grade 6 and 9 students. Public Health is developing strategies to address access to immunization for those students enrolled in alternative learning environments this school year.

Visit [www.immunizealberta.ca](http://www.immunizealberta.ca) for more information about which vaccines are offered to students in Alberta.

During times of pandemic, such as COVID-19, we are reminded of how important it is to utilize the immunizations that protect us against vaccine-preventable diseases like measles and pertussis that are still present globally and locally.

We look forward to working with our school communities again to help keep students healthy.

Any questions can be directed to Cochrane Community Health Centre at 403-851-6130.



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